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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER ADDRESSES CENTRAL
COMMITTEE

1. SUMMARY: FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER MADE BRIEF
STATEMENT ON MAY 25 TO THE SED CENTRAL COMMITTEE
OUTLINING MAIN THEMES OF GDR FOREIGN POLICY. HE
EMPHASIZED CONTINUITY OF EAST GERMAN'S POLICIES AND
ALLEGIANCE TO THE USSR AND THE "SOCIALIST COMMUNITY."
FISCHER SET FORTH GDR'S POSITION ON SEVERAL DISARMAMENT
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ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

2. IN A BRIEF STATEMENT, MADE AT THE 8TH PLENUM
OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND PUBLISHED IN NEUES
DEUTSCHLAND MAY 26, FISCHER STATED THAT THE BASIC
FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS FACING THE WORLD ARE PEACE
AND SECURITY, ARMS LIMITATION AND DISARMAMENT AND

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THESE ISSUES AFFECT MULTILATERAL AS WELL AS BILATERAL RELATIONS AND HAVE BECOME THE MAJOR TASKS BECAUSS OF THE PERSISTENT EFFORTS OF THE SOCIALIST STATES, INCLUDING THE GDR.

3. FISCHER NOTED FIVE AREAS OF CONTINUITY IN GDR FOREIGN POLICY

- PEACE AND DETENTE, INCLUDING THE PROBLEM OF THE ARMS RACE, ARMS LIMITATIONS AND DISARMAMENT.
- ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF SOCIALISM.
- REALISM IN FOREIGN POLICY. GDR FOREIGN POLICY IS AIMED AT THE POSSIBLE AND THE ACHIEVABLE.
- COORDINATION WITH THE OTHER SOCIALIST STATES. FISCHER STRESSED THE CLOSE COORDINATION OF FOREIGN POLICY WITHIN THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY AND CITED THE GROMYKO VISIT TO EAST BERLIN AS EVIDENCE OF A UNANIMITY OF VIEWS, THE COMMUNITY OF TASKS AND THE DETERMINATION TO WORK TOGETHER.

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- INCREASE IN THE SCOPE OF FOREIGN POLICY. FISCHER STATED THAT THE TASKS BECOME GREATER AND MORE COMPREHENSIVE AS REGIONAL PROBLEMS ARE ENTANGLED INCREASINGLY WITH QUESTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY WHICH MUST BE SETTLED ON A GLOBAL BASIS.

4. FISCHER PUT SPECIAL STRESS ON THE CENTRAL ISSUE OF DISARMAMENT, SPECIFICALLY ENDORSING THE BREZHNEV 4-POINT PROGRAM PROPOSED AT THE KOMSOMOL CONGRESS, EMPHASIZING THAT THESE PROPOSALS ARE REALISTIC AND POSSIBLE. HE STRESSED THAT THE DISARMAMENT ISSUE BRINGS PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS TOGETHER, NOTING BY WAY OF EXAMPLE THAT HIGH CHURCH DIGNITARIES IN THE GDR SUPPORT THE PEACE AND DISARMAMENT MOVEMENT.

5. LOOKING AT THE OVERALL INTERNATIONAL SITUATION FISCHER STATED THAT IMPERIALISM SEEKS TO ACHIEVE ITS ANTI-SOVIET AND ANTI-SOCIALIST AIMS ABOVE ALL THROUGH THE ARMAMENTS RACE AND BY SHARPENING IDEOLOGICAL DIVERSIONS. THIS IS ACCOMPANIED BY

IDEOLOGICAL WAR AND "AGGRESSION ON THE MINDS OF MEN."
HE SAID THAT DURING THE LAST YEAR THERE HAS BEEN
AN ESPECIALLY MALICIOUS CAMPAIGN OF SLANDER.
IN BELGRADE THIS CONCERNED "SO CALLED HUMAN RIGHTS,"
AND IN AFRICA, THE SUPPORT OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES
HAS BEEN SLANDERED.

6. FISCHER WARNED THAT IT IS NO SECRET THAT THERE
ARE FORCES WHO DO NOT LIKE THE IDEA OF DETENTE,
PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND COOPERATION WITH THE SOCIALIST
STATES. THESE FORCES IN RECENT MONTHS HAVE ORGANIZED
DELIBERATE ANTI-SOVIET AND ANTI-SOCIALIST CAMPAIGNS

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AND HAVE CREATED DIFFICULTIES AND OBSTACLES OF ALL
KINDS. IT IS NO ACCIDENT THAT ATTACKS AGAINST THE
GDR, AS THE MOST WESTERN OUTPOST OF THE SOCIALIST
COMMUNITY, ARE BECOMING SHARPER.

7. TURNING TO THE SSOD, FISCHER OUTLINED

THE GDR'S POLICIES IN THE DISARMAMENT FIELD. THE GDR SEEKS THE PREVENTION OF THE PRODUCTION AND THE INSTALLATION OF NEUTRON WEAPONS AS THE MOST URGENT IMPERATIVE, AS WELL AS THE SUSPENSION OF THE PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS OF ALL KINDS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND THE PROHIBITION OF THE PRODUCTION AND USE OF ALL OTHER KINDS OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION. FISCHER CALLED FOR AN AGREEMENT ON DISCONTINUING THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW KINDS OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WITH GREATER DESTRUCTIVE CAPACITY AND RENOUNCING THE INCREASE IN CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENT OF THESE COUNTRIES WHO ARE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THOSE WHICH ARE ALLIED WITH THESE POWERS THROUGH MILITARY TREATIES. IN ORDER TO CONTROL THE GROWTH OF MILITARY FORCES, FISCHER URGED A WORLD-WIDE AGREEMENT ON PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FORCE.

8. FISCHER CRITICIZED COUNTRIES (UNNAMED) WHO SEEK TO HIDE THE TRUE NATURE OF IMPERIALISM. THE EVENTS (IN ZAIRE) WHICH WE ARE PRESENTLY OBSERVING, HE SAID, DEMONSTRATE THAT WHEN ONE SPEAKS OF HUMANITY, PROFIT IS MEANT; WHEN ONE SPEAKS OF SAVING EUROPEANS AND INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHERS, COPPER AND URANIUM ARE MEANT.

9. ON THE QUESTION OF RELATIONS WITH THE FRG, FISCHER STATED THAT BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO THE FRG WOULD ACCELERATE PEACEFUL COOPERATION ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. HE SAID THAT THE SED'S APPROACH TO THE FRG IS GUIDED BY THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND IN THIS SENSE, AND WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF AGREED-UPON TREATIES, THE GDR IS PREPARED TO NORMALIZE FURTHER RELATIONS WITH THE FRG.

10. COMMENT: THE OUTLINE OF GDR FOREIGN POLICY CONTAINED NO NEW ELEMENTS. DETENTE, PEACE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISARMAMENT AND SOCIALIST SOLIDARITY ARE FAMILIAR THEMES. THE PRINCIPAL SUBSTANTIVE ELEMENT IN THE STATEMENT WAS THE SHARP REJECTION OF CRITICISM OF EASTERN EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE AND ACTIVITIES

IN AFRICA. END COMMENT. BOLEN

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